BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/Farm Reform Adjustments

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Domenici motion to table the Wellstone amendment No. 3021.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 64-35

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

The Wellstone amendment would limit the total amount of deficiency payments and land diversion payments that could be made to a single person to \$40,000, and would spend the \$1.6 billion in savings by increasing price supports for cotton, wheat, and other commodities (\$1.2 billion) and by increasing funding for the Conservation Reserve Program (\$400 million).

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, 1 minute of debate was allowed on the amendment by unanimous consent. Following debate, Senator Domenici moved to table the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

Those favoring the motion to table contended:

The Wellstone amendment is yet one more effort to shift around the carefully developed priorities contained in the comprehensive farm reform legislation in this bill. We urge our colleagues to reject it.

Those opposing the motion to table contended:

The Wellstone amendment would reduce help for larger farms, and would use the savings to expand commodity programs and the Conservation Reserve Program. If Senators favor small and mid-size farms over large farms, and if they support the Conservation

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Reserve Program, then they should vote against the motion to table.